

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 and 18 are the pending claims. Claims 1 and 12 are independent.

On September 15, 2009, the Patent Office issued a Notice of Allowance indicating that Claims 1-13 were allowable. Applicant submits that this RCE has no bearing on allowability of claims. This RCE is filed solely to file a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement citing art cited in a co-pending divisional application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/787,581.


It is submitted that the currently pending claims are still in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is again respectfully solicited. In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate prosecution, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

The Applicant's attorney may be reached by telephone at 212-801-6729. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below, which is the address associated with Customer Number 76058.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee in connection with the submission of this paper, any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1561. Please ensure that the Attorney Docket Number is referenced when charging any payments or credits for this case.

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